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SUBJECT: VISIT OF INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION TEAM

1. IGNACIO LOZANO, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO EL SALVADOR AND PUBLISHER OF LA OPINION (LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA), AND EDWARD SEATON, PUBLISHER OF MANHATTAN MERCURY IN MANHATTAN, KANSAS, WILL VISIT ARGENTINA, CHILE AND PERU FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION TO REVIEW THE PRESS SITUATION IN THOSE THREE COUNTRIES. BOTH MEN ARE FLUENT IN SPANISH AND HAVE MADE FREQUENT PAST VISITS TO LATIN AMERICA. THE MISSION WILL RESULT IN A REPORT BUT NOT IN A PUBLICATION. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS WITH LOCAL JOURNALISTS ARE BEING HANDLED BY IAPA BUT LOZANO AND SEATON WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEFING FROM EMBASSIES TO OBTAIN AN INDEPENDENT OPINION OF THE PRESS SITUATION.

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2- FOR BUENOS AIRES: LOZANO AND SEATON WILL BE IN BUENOS AIRES AUGUST 20-26 AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BRIEFING LATE MORNING OF THE 21ST. LOZANO HAS WRITTEN AMBASSADOR CASTRO DIRECTLY.

3. FOR SANTIAGO: SEATON WILL BE IN SANTIAGO AUGUST 26

THROUGH 30 AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BRIEFING MORNING OF

AUGUST 28. HE MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BRAZILIAN JOURNALIST. LOZANO HAS ALSO WRITTEN AMBASSADOR LANDAU DIRECTLY.

4. FOR LIMA: LOZANO WILL REJOIN SEATON IN LIMA. THEY

PLAN TO BE THERE AUGUST 30 THROUGH SEPT. 2 AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BRIEFING MORNING OF AUGUST 31. LOCAL PRESS CONTACTS BEING ARRANGED BY IAPA THROUGH ALEJANDRO MIRO QUESADA.

5. LOZANO LEAVING COUNTRY AUGUST 10, THUS DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT CONFIRMATION THAT BRIEFINGS CAN BE SCHEDULED AS REQUESTED. CHRISTOPHER

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